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SUBJECT: TURK AND GREEK CYPRIOTS RAISE OBSTACLES TO EARLY UN
RESUMPTION OF TALKS

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1. SECRETARIAT OFFICIALS DECEMBER 29 GAVE US A RUNDOWN
OF SYG SPECIAL REP PEREZ DE CUELLAR'S EFFORTS TO
PERSUADE THE GREEK AND TURK CYPRIOTS TO RESUME CYPRUS TALKS IN
NEW YORK JANUARY 15.

2. DENKTASH VIOLENTLY OBJECTS TO NEW YORK AS THE VENUE.
HE TOLD PEREZ THAT NEW YORK MEANT CAPITULATING TO THE
GREEKS BECAUSE OF THE LARGE GREEK-AMERICAN COMMUNITY, THE
SYMBOLIC UN UMBRELLA, ETC. PEREZ REPLIED IT WAS NEW YORK
OR NOWHERE IN THE NEXT SIX WEEKS SINCE SYG HAD TO BE PRESENT
FOR MIDDLE EAST DEBATE AND HAD OTHER COMMITMENTS IN EARLY
FEBRUARY.

3. PEREZ ALSO TALKED TO TURKISH CHARGE INHAN WHO THOUGHT
DENKTASH'S ANTIPATHY TO NEW YORK MIGHT BE OVERCOME IN
ANKARA. SECRETARIAT OFFICIALS BELIEVED DENKTASH PLANNED
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TO TRAVEL TO TURKEY LATER THIS WEEK, BUT WERE NOT SURE OF

EXACT DATE.

4. AS FOR GREEK CYPRIOTS, UN CONSIDERS THEM TO HAVE BEEN EQUALLY UNHELPFUL BY INSISTING TALKS RECONVENE UNDER GA RESOLUTION 3395. BOTH DENKTASH AND INHAN TOLD PEREZ THEY REGARD CHRISTOPHIDES' DECEMBER 17 LETTER REQUESTING RESUMPTION OF TALKS UNDER 3395 AS A DELIBERATE EFFORT TO SABOTAGE THE BRUSSELS PROCES-VERBAL.

5. DENKTASH HAD SOME THINGS TO SAY ABOUT THE SUBSTANCE OF THE TALKS, SHOULD THEY GET STARTED, THAT THE SECRETARIAT FOUND AS DISCOURAGING AS THE PROCEDURAL OBSTACLES. HE TOLD PEREZ THE GREEKS WERE DREAMING IF THEY THOUGHT A RETURN TO VAROSHA AND MORPHOU WAS POSSIBLE. AT MOST, SOME GREEK CYPRIOTS MIGHT BE PERMITTED TO RETURN TO VAROSHA BEHIND TURKISH LINES. DENKTASH THEN RAISED THE POSSIBILITY OF UNILATERAL TURKISH WITHDRAWAL FROM KOKKINA, LOUROJINA AND THE PRESENT DE FACTO BUFFER ZONE. COMMENT: THIS INTRIGUES THE UN SINCE EXACTLY THE SAME IDEA WAS RECENTLY SUGGESTED TO PEREZ BY DEFENSE MINISTER OREK. THE SECRETARIAT ESTIMATES THE TERRITORY INVOLVED TO BE ABOUT FOUR PERCENT OF THE ISLAND, AND VIEWS THE IDEA AS A TOTAL NON-STARTER.
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